

Cecile Richards
President

Dear [REDACTED],

It is simply beyond belief what extreme politicians are trying to do to women. What do they think will happen when millions of women can't afford birth control and millions of young people don't understand how to protect themselves? Yet, that's exactly where they are headed.

Tom Price, the rabidly anti-women's health Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) under President Trump, clearly intends to undo every rule, regulation, and program that helps women protect their health and control their own lives. Price is another Mike Pence — both are waging crusades against women without a clue or a care about the consequences.

What will happen if Secretary Price **ends the no-copay birth control benefit** and cuts other preventive care benefits out of the Affordable Care Act (ACA)?

Some 55 million women could lose the ability to get birth control at no cost under their insurance plans, and we know what would happen next: an increase in unplanned pregnancies, and more people getting sick from a lack of preventive care. We saw it happen when Texas forced women's health centers to close, and when Indiana, under then-Governor Pence, cut public health funding, fueling an HIV epidemic.

And now, Planned Parenthood has learned the most frightening news — that HHS has secret plans to implement a domestic gag rule, any day now. The impact could be devastating.

With no medical professional or hospital allowed to counsel, refer, or even mention abortion, women would need to figure out how to deal with their unplanned or medically complicated pregnancies all by themselves. This is more than outrageous — it's dangerous.

We cannot allow anyone — not the president, the vice president, Congress, or a cabinet secretary — to cut off access to birth control, block women from safe, legal abortion, or get between people and the health care provider of their choice.

We will resist at every turn. But we urgently need your help.

**I urge you to make a generous contribution of \$35, \$55,
or even \$70 to Planned Parenthood Federation of America.**

The challenges ahead are immense, and the people who depend on Planned Parenthood health centers — for the most part women with low incomes, young women, women who live far from big cities, and women who need affordable, non-judgmental, compassionate care — will be hurt the most. We need to stand together.

This past summer, millions of people like you stood with Planned Parenthood to defeat the health care bill in Congress that would have dismantled the Affordable Care Act and “defunded”

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Planned Parenthood. It took a months-long heroic effort to protect the lives and health of the millions of people who rely on Planned Parenthood health centers for care.

But these fights are far from over. And that's why your support is essential right now. We must be ready for anything.

We've never seen anything like what this administration and Congress are trying to do. They're not just anti-abortion — every proposal they make cuts to the core of women's ability to protect their health and control their own destinies.

So not only are we monitoring every move this administration and Congress take against women and immediately alerting our supporters and advocates — but **we are also preparing to do everything possible to be there for women no matter what.**

- We're getting creative about delivering online access to birth control and STI testing and treatment.
- We're expanding our interactive, social networking websites so young people will always have a place to go for timely information they can trust.
- New Planned Parenthood health centers meet every requirement states throw at us.
- And we're challenging restrictions aimed to shut down health care centers or access to care in court.

If you are as fed up as we are with politicians trying to control women's lives, then I urge you to help us now. We know the vast majority of Americans stand with Planned Parenthood. But we need everyone to stand up and get loud with their support for women's health and rights.

With your help, we will protect access to affordable birth control, the right to safe, legal abortion, and women's ability to make their own health care decisions — because women cannot be free or equal without it.

You and all our other supporters, advocates, and friends are the reason Planned Parenthood can be there for women no matter what. Together, we can keep that promise today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.

Thank you for all you do to help. **I hope I can count on your generous response to this appeal for support.** We need you with us.

Sincerely,

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P.S. We are tough, resilient, and unbending in our determination to protect women's health, lives, and rights for as long as it takes. Please help us do the hard work necessary in these challenging times to make sure women don't get hurt. **We are all in this together and Planned Parenthood needs your generous support more than ever.** Thank you again.